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**I. Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended): A safety device including a releasable clip, the releasable clip having ~~an elongated~~ a main gripping element in the form of an elongated hollow cylinder having a first and second end, and an elongated moveable gripping element having a first and second ends, the main gripping element first end having a retaining element to retain the first end of the moveable gripping element; the main gripping element ~~retaining~~ second end affixing the second end of the moveable gripping element in a predetermined position such that the clip may grip a ~~fabric tube or the like~~ gas flow duct of the safety device between the main gripping element and the moveable gripping element; the second end of the elongated moveable gripping element is configured to fit over or within the hollow cylinder; a gas generator being provided which ~~responds~~ supplies gas to the interior of the hollow cylinder in response to a supply signal to move the second end of the moveable gripping element to cause the first ends of the main gripping element and the moveable gripping element to disengage and release the ~~grip gripping of the~~ duct.

2. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 1 further comprising the gas flow duct provided in the form of an outlet duct, the outlet duct being sealed by the releasable clip.

3. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 1 wherein the safety device includes an inflatable air-bag and the gas flow duct enables venting of the interior of the air-bag.

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4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 4 2 wherein a plurality of the releasable clips are provided, each of the clips being associated with a respective outlet duct.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 6 1 wherein the second end of the moveable gripping element is a piston moveable within the hollow cylinder.

8. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 7 wherein the hollow cylinder has a terminal inward projection to retain the piston in the hollow cylinder.

9. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 7 wherein the second end of the moveable gripping element comprises a closure cap dimensioned to close an open end of the hollow cylinder.

10. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator is a pyrotechnic squib.

11. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator is a source of compressed gas.

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12. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 1 wherein the first end of the main gripping element ~~and the retaining element comprises a retaining lug provided on the main gripping element~~ comprises a retaining element in the form of a lug.

13. (Currently Amended): ~~A safety device according to Claim 1 wherein the main gripping element is in the form of a cylindrical housing.~~ A safety device including a releasable clip, the releasable clip having a main gripping element in the form of an elongated hollow cylinder having a first and second end, and an elongated moveable gripping element having a first and second end; and the moveable gripping element has having inclined resiliently mounted walls to engage the exterior of the cylindrical housing of the main gripping element; the main gripping element first end having a retaining element to retain the first end of the moveable gripping element; the main gripping element second end affixing the second end of the moveable gripping element in a predetermined position such that the clip may grip a gas flow duct of the safety device between the main gripping element and the moveable gripping element; the second end of the elongated moveable gripping element is configured to fit over or within the hollow cylinder; a gas generator being provided which supplies gas to the interior of the hollow cylinder in response to a supply signal to move the second end of the moveable gripping element to cause the first ends of the main gripping element and the moveable gripping element to disengage and release the gripping of the duct.

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14. (Currently Amended): A releasable clip for a safety device, the releasable clip including a main gripping element in the form of an elongated hollow cylinder defining a first and second end, the main gripping element first end having a retaining bracket, and the second end of the main gripping element being opened, a moveable gripping element having a first and a second end, the first end of the moveable gripping element received by the retaining bracket, the second end of the moveable gripping element obstructing the second opened end of the main gripping element, a gas generator ~~in~~ communicating with the hollow cylinder, the releasable clip in a first predetermined position gripping a gas flow duct of the safety device between the main gripping element and the moveable gripping element, and in response to a supply signal supplying gas within the hollow interior ~~moves~~ moving the moveable gripping element second end and disengaging the moveable gripping element second end from the retaining bracket to release the gripping of the duct.

15. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein the safety device includes an air-bag.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein a plurality of the releasable clips are provided, each of the clips being associated with a respective ~~outlet~~ gas flow duct.

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18. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein the second end of the moveable gripping element is a piston moveable within the hollow cylinder.

19. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 18 wherein the hollow cylinder has a terminal inward projection to retain the piston in the hollow cylinder.

20. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein the second end of the moveable gripping element comprises a closure cap dimensioned to close ~~an open~~ the second opened end of the hollow cylinder.

21. (Currently Amended): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein the gas generator is a pyrotechnic squib disposed inside the hollow cylinder.

22. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein the gas generator is a source of compressed gas.

23. (Original): A safety device according to Claim 14 wherein the main gripping element is in the form of a cylindrical housing, and the moveable gripping element has inclined resiliently mounted walls to engage the exterior of the cylindrical housing of the main gripping element.

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